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 1. The border police in Thuringia is headed by Inspector of Border Police VOIGT, whose headquarters is located in WEILNITZ (M 51/J 57).
 2. The following units are subordinate to the Inspector of Border Police in Thuringia:
 - a. Ten border police reserve & training units (Grenzpolizeibereitschaften)
 - b. Ten border police battalions (Grenzpolizeiabteilungen)
 - c. One fully motorized border traffic police unit (Grenzpolizeiverkehrseinheit).
 3. a. The Grenzpolizeibereitschaften are quartered in barracks. They are the reserve and training units of the Border Police.
 - b. The disposition of the Grenzpolizeibereitschaften is:
 - 1st Border Police Res & Tng Unit in ILLENKAU (M 51/J 23)
 - 2d, 3rd and 4th Border Police Res & Tng Units in HEINRICHEN (M 51/H 82)
 - 5th and 9th Border Police Res & Tng Units in HEDDHAUSEN (M 52/D 12)
 - 6th Border Police Res & Tng Units in EISERACH (L 51/H 76)
 - 7th Border Police Res & Tng Units in GOTHA (M 51/J 06)
 - 8th Border Police Res & Tng Units (location unknown)

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10th Border Police Res & Tng Units in Sondershausen (M 52/D 11)

- c. The authorized strength of a border police reserve and training unit is 253 police. However, each unit is said to actually consist of 300 police. It is organized into three 100-man platoons.
- d. The border police reserve and training units are said to be armed with light infantry weapons only.
4. a. The locations of 7 out of the 10 border police battalions in Thuringia are known: Worbis (M 52/C 81), Mihla (M 52/H 87), Dernbach (L 51/H 63), Meiningen (M 51/H 82), Hildburghausen (M 51/J 10), Hasenthal (M 51/J 41), Gefell (M 51/O 49).
- b. A border police battalion numbers approximately seven hundred police. Each border police battalion controls three border police sector headquarters (Grenzpolizeikommandanturen). Each sector headquarters comprises a staff of 30 to 40 police and several border police posts (Grenzpolizeikommandos) of 10 to 30 police each.
5. The one border traffic police unit of Thuringia is fully motorized and quartered in Jena (M 51/J 66). Its personnel numbers about two hundred and are equipped with 40 BMW motorcycles and 20 cross-country Volkswagen (people's car).

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Comment:

The report indicates that the border police in Thuringia has:

Border police reserve and training unit:	3,000 police
Border police battalions:	7,000 police
Border traffic police unit:	<u>200</u> police
	<u>10,200</u> police

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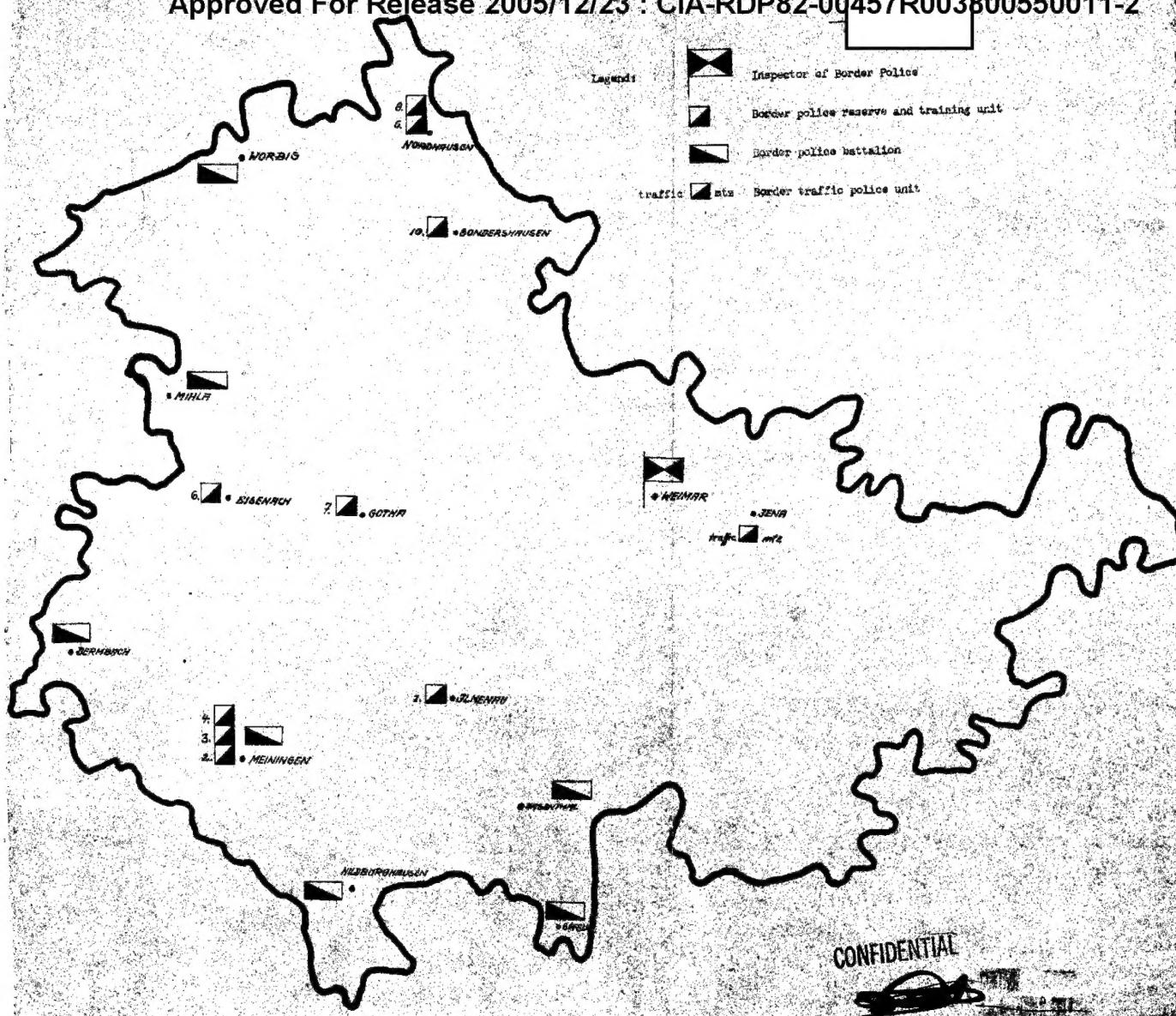
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Legend:

- [Flag icon] Inspector of Border Police
- [Square icon] Border police reserve and training unit
- [Large square icon] Border police battalion
- [Traffic icon] traffic [MTC icon] MTC Border traffic police unit



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